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INFO. [REDACTED]SUPPLEMENT TO
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1. A representative of an American oil company at Tangier [REDACTED] that he had been approached by Salvatore Pistulli, an Albanian, with an offer to purchase three to four thousand tons of S.A.E.50, 60, or 70 lubricating oil at 30 cents per gallon C.I.F. any Italian port, but preferably Trieste.* Pistulli refused to divulge the ultimate destination of the petroleum products, but hinted that the shipment might be sent to Syria and Lebanon. 25X1X
2. Half of the purchase price of the oil would be paid in Tangier on confirmation of acceptance of the offer. The balance would be paid by irrevocable letter of credit against a New York bill of lading. Shipment in 55-gallon drums was requested.
3. Pistulli asserted that he represents the Società Generale Europea Industrie Commercio (EINDUCOM), Via Mauro Macchi 42, Milan, Italy, and the Compagnia Finanziaria Mercantile (CABOTO S.p.A.) Via Andegari 6, Milan. Pistulli stated that his trip to Tangier was financed by the Tozi Machine Works,** in gratitude for services rendered during World War II.
4. The American oil company's representative [REDACTED] that the order could readily be filled in Italy; however, [REDACTED] Pistulli cautioned him not to inform American oil company representatives there of the Tangier negotiations. 25X1X 25X1X
5. [REDACTED] Pistulli recently entered the International Zone of Tangier clandestinely. He was born at Scutari, Albania, on 17 June 1917. He holds International Red Cross Card No. 95550, issued at Rome on 7 October 1948. 25X1X

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- * [REDACTED] Comment. In 1945 and 1946 an Albanian named Pistulli (fnu) was reported to be in contact with Dr. Demetrio Gounalakis (Greek spelling Gounalakis), a member in Trieste of ELAS, a wartime communist-dominated resistance organization. All members of his group were reported even before 1943 as espionage agents in contact with Russian and Slovene agents.

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an Italian machine manufacturing firm at Lognano, Italy, which
recently received an Albanian Government request for machine spare parts.
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